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MTSU student found dead

Aerospace senior has confessed to the crime, authorities say.

KRIS WETZEL

News Editor

On Jan. 11, James Clay Young was arrested for the alleged first degree murder of Thomas V. (Joey) Ladd, a former MTSU student.



Workers on a gas main discovered Ladd's bruised body on Jan. 9

medical examiner, determined that Ladd had been dead for three days at the time of the discovery and had been moved from the scene of the murder.

The cause of death was strangulation by his T-shirt. Young had allegedly bound the hands and feet of his victim with handcuffs.

"He maliciously killed his victim," Det. Gage said.

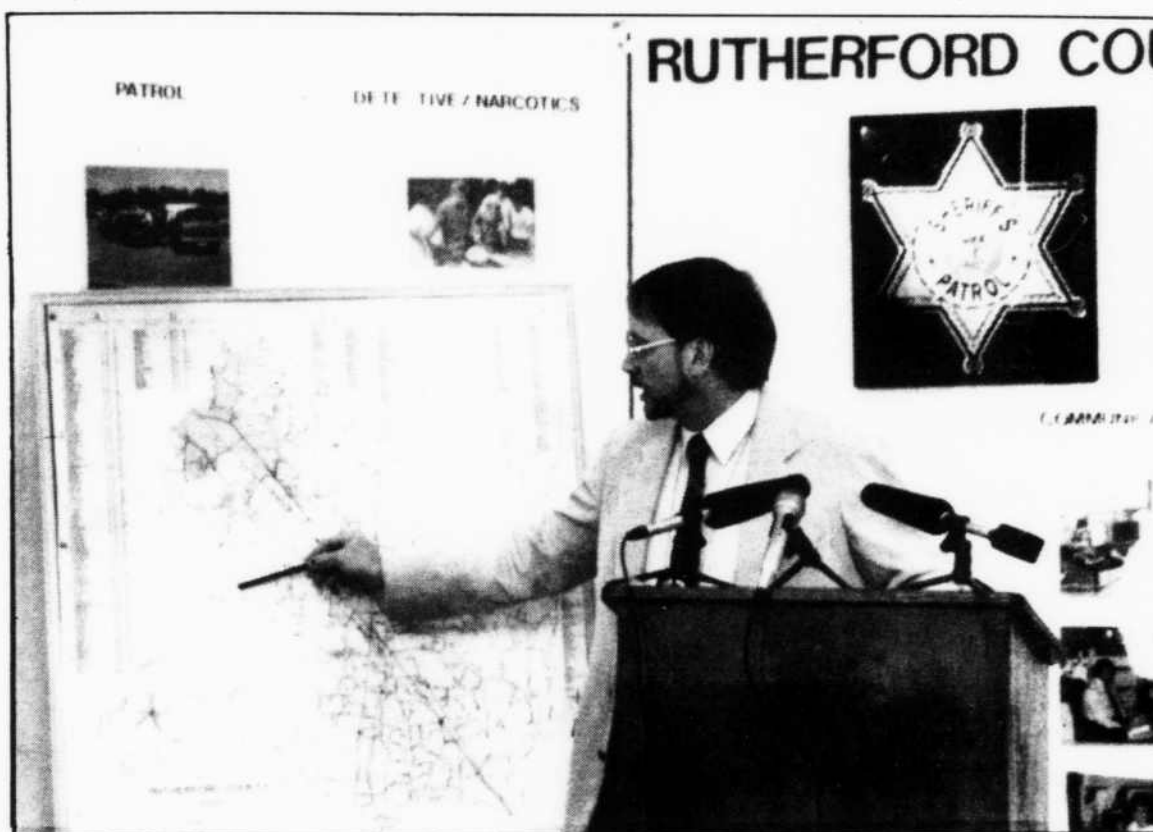
Detective Lieutenant Jim Gage said that the crime "was sexually motivated."

Irene Ladd, the victim's mother, reported Ladd missing on Jan. 7 after receiving a phone call from Ladd's friends and a female friend who expressed concern because they had no contact from him for several days.

Ladd was last seen leaving his job at Ezra's Restaurant in the Garden Plaza Hotel at 11:30 p.m. on

Ladd covered by a blue sleeping bag in a ravine 12 ft. off Spanntown Road in the Almadale area. Dr. Charles Harlan, the state

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CLIFF KARREL

At the press conference yesterday afternoon, Det. Gage points out Spanntown Road in Almadale, the location where the victim's body was found.

New library still 13th on THEC's list

THEC CAPITAL LIST FISCAL YEAR '95-'96

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| 1. TSU Tennessee State University Projects | |
| a. Boyd Hall | 2,250,000 |
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| c. Performing Arts and Music Renovation | 5,800,000 |
| | 9,530,000 |
| 2. UTK College of Law, Equipment | 3,000,000 |
| 3. SSCC Library Equipment and Renovation | 1,742,000 |
| 4. RSCC Humanities Equipment | 687,000 |
| 5. JSCC Tech. Center Building Equipment | 2,700,000 |
| 6. UTIA Biotechnology Research Facility | 13,782,000 |
| 7. NSTCC Campus Expansion-Planning | 950,000 |
| 8. PSTCC Building Renovation and Parking | 3,540,000 |
| 9. UTK Claxon Ed. Building Renovation | 10,000,000 |
| 10. UTM Wittenborg/Link/Faculty Bldg | 850,000 |
| 11. WSCC College Center Renovation | 2,106,000 |
| 12. UTSI Gas Dynamics | 1,310,000 |
| 13. MTSU Library Construction | 25,760,000 |
| 14. UTK Alumni Memorial Bldg Renovation | 9,200,000 |
| 15. UTK Glocker Business Bldg Renovation | 9,500,000 |
| 16. VSCC Old Library Renovation | 3,804,000 |
| 17. COSCC Humanities Building | 5,530,000 |
| 18. ETSU Central Library | 21,125,000 |
| 19. DSCC Tipton County | 1,600,000 |
| 20. ETSU Medical Center (2 of 3) | 6,000,000 |
| | 134,186,000 |
| Special Technology Centers | 54,000,000 |

\$25.8 million project is the largest request for fiscal year '95-'96.

KRIS WETZEL

News Editor

The recommendation to build a new library at MTSU remains 13th on a priority list presented by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to state officials on Jan. 6.

The proposed \$25.7 million library sits on a list of 20 capital projects recommended for the fiscal year 1995-96. MTSU has already been given \$840,000 for the planning of the new library, including the hiring of an architect to draw up the plans.

On Dec. 1, the commission

decided to delay further attention on the priority list until the projects underwent another evaluation and presented the rationale the list was based on.

The capital priority list previously contained 27 items, but the committee reduced the list to 20 projects including a "special" category that provides for the upgrading of 26 state technology centers. The committee is asking for \$134 million to fund the 20 priority projects with an additional \$54 million for the technology centers.

Once the commission approves the capital request for the fiscal year 1995-96, the priority list will be sent to the governor for his approval into his budget. Don Craig, Todd Library office, said, "It has taken 10-15 years to get on the list. Obviously, I'd love to be higher than that, but I am

very pleased that we are on the list. We all hope the money is forthcoming."

"I am anxiously awaiting the publication of the list," Craig added. "It would be interesting to see how much money goes to the University of Tennessee Board and how much goes to the Tennessee Board of Regents."

Earl Thomas, MTSU executive assistant, told *The Daily News Journal*, "I do believe the fact they gave us the planning money this library, it's normal, logical sequence for construction money to follow planning money."

The revised priority list will be presented to the commission during a special meeting called later this month, and projects falling below 20 on the list will be suggested for funding in the future, said Cathy Cole, THEC associate executive director of public affairs. ■

MTSU NEWS

Hindman to leave V-P post for job at Texas university

KRYS SPAIN
Staff Writer

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. E. James Hindman is leaving MTSU to become President of Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.



Dr. Hindman

Dr. Hindman held the number two position at MTSU. As Provost, he was authorized to act in the President's absence. Dr. Hindman was also responsible for Research Missions, and had a variety of other responsibilities. His

resignation becomes effective on January 18.

Dr. Hindman has been at MTSU for 4 years. He lived in Lubbock, Texas, before joining MTSU in May of 1991.

"He is a native of Texas and has wanted to return to Texas. This is a wonderful opportunity for him," said Director of Public Relations Ms. Dot Harrison. "We are happy for him, but sad for us. We will miss him."

A search committee has been assigned to aid President Walker in finding a replacement for Dr. Hindman. The Interim Provost is Dr. Bob Jones. He is currently Associate Vice President. He will serve as provost until a replacement has been found.

"Hindman has been a good team player. He is an excellent listener and analyzes things. He expresses himself well and makes sense. He will be hard to replace, we are going to miss him," said Vice-President of Student Affairs Dr. Robert LaLance.

Dean of Education Dr. Robert Eaker said "I'll remember most that Dr. Hindman is a genuinely nice person who listens well and tries to help people in any way possible. He is very competent as provost and AVP. We will miss Hindman a lot, both personally and professionally."

"I don't think it's a surprise to anyone that he got this position," LaLance said. ■

Dean of Student Life position filled

Burke fills new job intended to enhance quality of student life

KRIS WETZEL
News Editor

Dr. Thomas H. Burke has been named the Dean of Student Life, a new administrative position created to unify all aspects of student affairs.

Upon the retirement of Mr. Paul Cantrell, the administration created the new position after an evaluation suggested that the department should take on more responsibilities for the benefit of the student. The Dean of Student Life is expected to be the nexus for the numerous organizations that work to increase the quality of MTSU student life.

"The position was created to bring cohesion and

continuity to student life," Bob LaLance, Vice President for Student Affairs, said.

In addition to the traditional duties of student conduct, discipline and judicial affairs, Dr. Burke will also oversee the departments of housing, campus recreation, student programming and publications, and student unions.

"All the departments are striving for the same kind of goal," LaLance said. "It's a means to make the department function more efficiently."

"Tom is an accomplished Student Affairs practitioner and is well-respected throughout the Southeast," LaLance said. "We are confident that he can provide the leadership to insure a smooth transition into our new organizational structure. He will be an excellent addition to our student affairs team, and we look forward to his arrival on

campus Feb. 6."

Dr. Burke said he was "very excited about coming to MTSU. I think it's a great position and a tremendous professional opportunity. I was very impressed with the people I met—faculty, staff and students—when I came to interview."

Dr. Burke vocalized that student involvement is a high priority of his. "I think it's important for students to take an active part in the community for several reasons," Burke commented. "It's a good way for them to gain experience."

"Community service can also be applied in the area of discipline and sanctions," he explained. "Hopefully this can be a way to open students' eyes to the results of certain kinds of behavior."

Formerly the Associate Director of Student Life at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Burke will take over the position of the Dean of Student Life on Feb. 6. ■

Campus Capsule

Upcoming & Ongoing

The Williamson County Job Fair will be held Thursday, January 19 at the Williamson County campus of Columbia State Community College in Franklin from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Over 60 Williamson County employers will be at the fair.

The Honors Student Association Movie Night is being held every Friday night in room 108 of Peck Hall. The first movie begins at 5 p.m. and the second one begins at 7 p.m. Movies to be shown will be posted on the bulletin board in the Honors Lounge from Wed. until Fri. night. All HSA members are welcome and may bring one guest.

The MTSU LAMBDA ASSOCIATION is a local support group for bisexual, gay and lesbian students, faculty and community members. LAMBDA meetings are held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Mass Communication Building Room 149. For further information please call the hotline at 780-2293

Child Abuse Prevention of TN, a nonprofit agency, needs volunteers to answer the statewide Parent Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline, to work with parents of newborns in the Parent Pathway Program, to assist with Parenting Classes, or to assist with childcare during parenting classes. Next volunteer training will be in March. For more information contact Terry Ann Hull, Volunteer Coordinator for Child Abuse Prevention of TN at 227-2273.

The MTSU Women's Chorale is recruiting new members. All MTSU Women who enjoy singing are encouraged to join. Members are not required to be music majors, in fact, we welcome women from all majors and no formal audition is required. WC meets on T/R from 1:40-2:55 p.m.

in SFA 117 for 1 hour credit. To register, sign-up for Chorus 0370-01, call number 05337. For more info call 2487.

International Student's Association meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. in KUC 316. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

Sigma Tau Delta International English Honors Society meets Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 300A. Both English majors and minors are welcome.

Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Student Fellowship Friday mornings at 7. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

"Raiders for Christ" devotional every Monday at 7 p.m. and small group bible studies on Thursdays (times vary). Contact the MTSU Christian Student Center at 896-1529 or Eddy Dyer at 848-3216.

College Worship Wednesday nights at 9 at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship (615 N. Tenn. Blvd.). Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

Church of God in Christ Campus Ministries meets every Thursday in the KUC. Bible study and guest speakers. For more information call Kevin Johnson at 895-5968.

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Nursing receives \$24,000 in scholarship money

MARK BLEVINS
Asst. News Editor

The Department of Nursing has seen eight private scholarship/grant monies and \$24,000 in federal grants come to 32 Nursing majors for the 94-95 school year, according to Nursing Department Chair Dr. Judith H. Wakim.

Three scholarship/grant organizations have come from the Middle Tennessee Medical Center. The MTMC Development Center awarded Glenn Lannom and Barbara Casanova the annual Sue Sloan/Bethany Rice Memorial Grants. Diane Miller, Frank Hulse, Jennifer Bohrer, Shari Kiddoo and Carole Pendleton received scholarships from MTMC itself.

The MTMC scholarships/grants vary around \$1,000 per semester for each student and the student must agree to work as a registered nurse for MTMC for six months per semester scholarship. While working for MTMC, the nurses receive full pay and benefits.

Diane Miller, a December magna cum laude graduate received three semesters of scholarships and is set to work the required 18 months at MTMC.

"I think it's wonderful [having assured full-time employment] after being in school for four years," said Miller who described herself as an (ex) non-traditional student with three children.

The MTMC Auxiliary

awarded a \$1,000 grant to Stacey Clark for the year, according to Dr. Wakim.

"MTMC has been supporting MTSU for many years," said MTMC Nurse Recruiter Carol Bragdon. "We have kept a lot of nurses as a result of this."

"We'll continue to look at the needs of the community in terms of health care," Ms. Bragdon said in reference to the continued support of MTSU nursing students.

Dr. Wakim said federal grants were awarded to students who have incomes officially under the poverty level. She added that "at least 10 percent" of the 896 Nursing majors fall into this category and that 18 nursing students received federal grant money. Dr. Wakim said federal funding for the 93-94 year amounted to \$98,000 and attributed the decline in 94-95 (only \$24,000) to more nursing schools applying for the monies.

According to Dr. Wakim, other students receiving private grants are: Pam Kegley and Larae Moore receiving \$1,400 from the Mary E. Iles scholarship fund; Kelly Shawn Simpson receiving \$1,000 from the Harry Nunn and Marie Gott Ganney scholarship fund; Sandra Jennings receiving \$1,200 from the Ilene Marie Mahan Scholarship fund; Stanley Clevepitts receiving \$500 from the Murfreesboro Medical Clinic; and Dana Denise Waddy receiving \$2,000 from the Mrs. H. Russell Mabry scholarship fund. ■

Buildings to be warm during January due to maintenance on Chilling Plant

Krys Spain
Staff Writer

The Chilling Plant was shut down directly after graduation and will be working again on January 29, according to Director of the Physical Plant Mr. Bill Smotherman. Buildings will be hotter than usual due to this maintenance.

"Even if we make the deadline, there is still a considerable amount of work around the campus that may require the chilling plant to be shut down in some buildings," Smotherman said.

Buildings on campus are cooled from a central chill water system which transmits energy and dehumidifies buildings.

The chilling plant is being redesigned and expanded to accommodate additional buildings making present usage more efficient, Mr. Smotherman said.

The Mass Communications building and the LRC will have temporary chill systems.

Mr. Smotherman said it was planned to take place at the coldest time of year so as to minimize the problem.

"The chilling plant will be working again on January 29. We are modifying chillers and the chill water system, so the campus can expand. It enables the plant to serve the new buildings," said Mr.

T o d Rector, contractor/superintendent of Reliable Mechanical. ■

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MTSU NEWS

Industrial Studies nears completion of solar car

JOEY DAVENPORT
Staff Writer

The MTSU SOLARAIDER, a solar-powered race car being built by industrial studies students, will be competing with university teams from across the country for a spot in Sunrayce '95.

Sunrayce '95 is a race among solar-powered cars designed by teams of college students from universities throughout the United States. The race begins at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and will finish nine days later at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory in the Rocky Mountains. The Sunrayce competition began in 1991 and is held every two years.

MTSU, the only university from Tennessee entering the competition, will attempt to qualify among 62 university teams. Only 40 competitors will qualify for the final field.

"We're working on a shorter time schedule because this is our first year to compete," explained team leader Glen Welch. "After this year, the car will be able to be modified and improved for future competitions."

The MTSU team members also have the added challenge of finding corporate sponsors to raise funds and obtain building materials. Contributions to the project are being accepted through the MTSU Foundation.

Donations from two area corporations have helped the team members and their faculty sponsor Dr. Basavapatna Sridhara get the SOLARAIDER closer to completion.

Calsonic Corporation, a multinational manufacturer of integrated automotive systems located in Shelbyville, recently contributed \$3,000 toward the SOLARAIDER project.

"We are grateful for this generous contribution from Calsonic Corporation," Dr.

Sridhara said. "The team members are working hard to turn their dream into a reality. This kind of help will bring that reality closer."

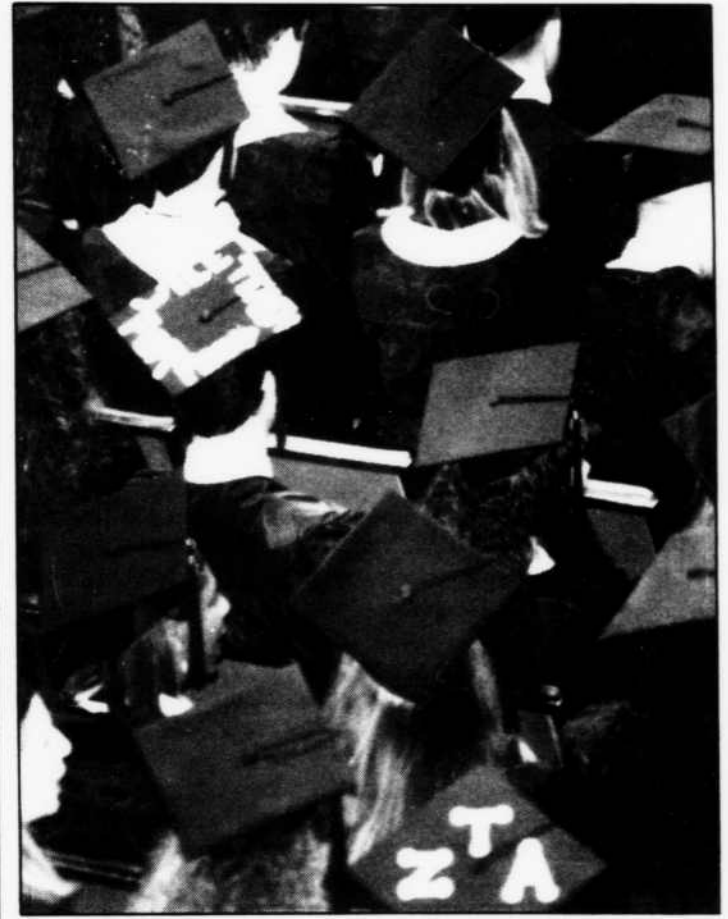
The Samsonite Furniture Company in Murfreesboro donated a steel roll cage to the project in December. The roll cage contains the same steel tubing that is normally used in a dining room chair produced by Samsonite.

According to Dr. Sridhara, more students are needed to help work on the SOLARAIDER project.

SOLARAIDER team members hope to have the project finished by early 1995 so they can begin testing the car. Sunrayce '95 is set to begin June 20.

"Winning doesn't necessarily mean coming in first," said Dick Gould, Chairman of the Industrial Studies Department. "Winning will be getting the experience and opportunity to compete in an event such as Sunrayce." ■

A Very Desperate Man



CHARLES HOGUE

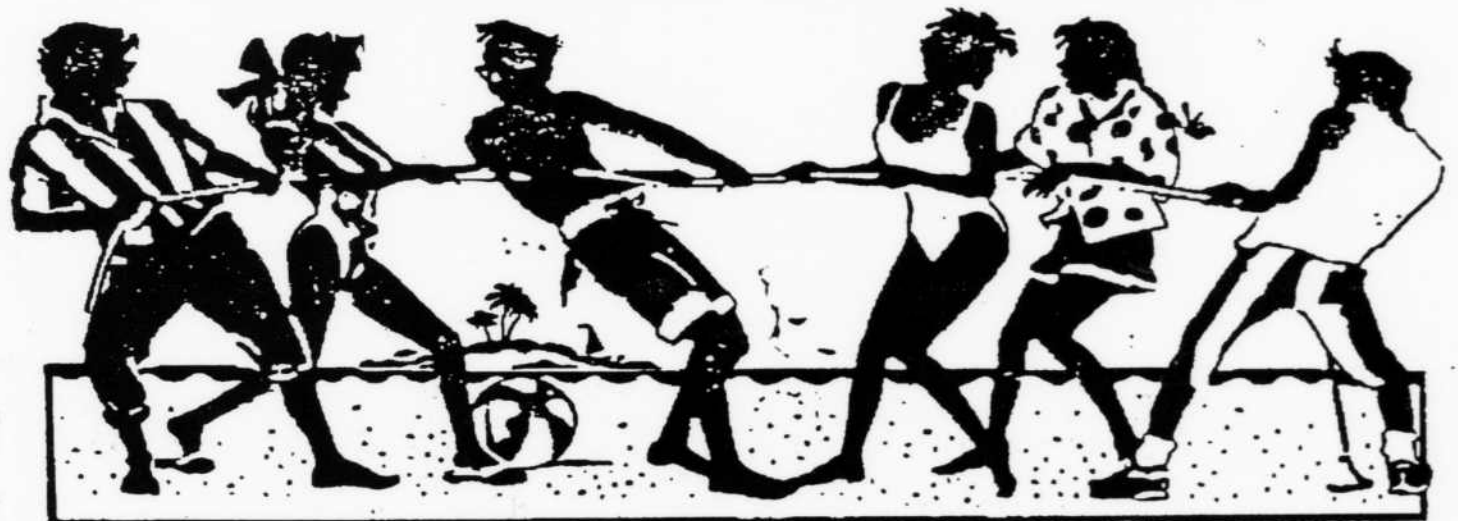
An unidentified MTSU graduate-to-be shows his desire to obtain a job upon finishing the graduation ceremony last Dec. 17 in Murphy Center.

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Jan. 3 with Young and another co-worker.

When the body was found, Det. Cunningham matched the body with a MTSU ID photograph, and the identification was later confirmed by one of Ladd's roommates.

Det. Wharf and Det. Keisling immediately began determining suspects and interviewing family and friends. By Jan. 10, Young had been established as a suspect. Police had found several incriminating items in Young's house, including electric clippers, fiber, hair samples and several black backpacks that could have belonged to Ladd.

Young, a senior aerospace major at MTSU, was taken into custody around midnight on Jan. 11 and had delivered a confession by 3:00 a.m. Police have ruled out a second suspect.

Ladd had attended MTSU in the fall as a freshman criminal justice major and was also an active member of the Rugby Club. He was not enrolled for the spring

semester, but Robert Keith, coach of the Rugby Club, said he was "definitely planning to attend."



YOUNG

always help out," Keith added. "He not only gave his blood, he gave his time."

"He was bright, articulate, pleasant to be around. It's a cliché, but in the case, it's true," Mr. Keith said.

"Joey was a good physical size, very close to Young's 6'1" height, 225 pounds. He was an athlete. He could have defended himself, so he must have been drugged," Keith said.

"This has been a tremendous tragedy to our club and our community as well because it could happen to anyone," Keith concluded.

Pat Doherty, one of Ladd's roommates, said, "He was a nice guy. If he loaned you money, he didn't care if you

paid him back. I miss him."

"He was also a fighter. He knew how to take care of himself," added Doherty. "I hope there is another suspect because it would explain a lot."

Gene Ladd, uncle of the victim, said, "We would like to express our deep appreciation for the compassion and commitment of this department."

When asked about Joey's interests, Mr. Ladd responded, "Joey was deeply committed to his career in finance. He read The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal."

When responding to the nature of the crime, Mr. Ladd said, "I think it is far out of character. If there was any sexual behavior in this crime, it was unilateral."

"We are deeply seeded in our religious beliefs, and we think vengeance belongs to higher powers," Mr. Ladd concluded.

Services for Thomas V. Ladd will be held on Saturday Jan. 14 in the Woodfin Funeral Chapel located on 915 N. Tennessee Blvd at 2:00 P.M., with a morning service for friends. ■

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Job market best in four years

MARCO BUSCAGLIA
College Press Service

Brace yourself, college seniors: there's good news on the job front.

After years of doom-and-gloom forecasts throughout the early 1990s, the employment outlook for college graduates finally may be replaced by brighter skies.

"The graduates of 1995 should be entering the best job market in the past four years," said Patrick Scheetz, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University. "Although it's a modest increase, it looks like we're coming out of a dark period for employment."

Scheetz and his associates have released a new study based on surveys of 545 companies. He said that the hiring of this year's graduates will increase 5.9 percent over last year, making 1995 the second consecutive year for gains in employment. In the four years before last year's 1.1 percent increase, new jobs for college graduates dropped by 30 percent.

Thomas Oh, senior research analyst at Hanigan Consulting group in New York City, agrees.

"Companies are getting back to hiring the people they didn't hire in the early '90s," said Oh. "This year's

college graduates have good reason to be more optimistic than ever."

Oh said 29 of 100 companies he surveyed indicated that they'll increase their hiring of college graduates this spring, while 65 companies will hire the same amount of students as last year. Only five companies said they will decrease the amount of college graduates they'll be hiring.

In 1994, the number of college graduates hired rose by 8.4 percent. The number this year should be even higher, Oh said.

"Students getting their degrees in 1995 face a much better job market than graduates did a few years ago," said Oh. "They will be hearing from more than one company."

That continues an upward trend from 1994, when college graduates entered an improved job market. "It's kind of anticlimactic when you graduate and then have to wait six months to get a job," says Ron Fille, a 1994 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. "When I was a sophomore and junior, all I ever read was about how horrible the job market was. I thought I was going to get buried."

But Fille was able to find a job within one month of his graduation, thanks to an early job search and a major

that is in demand. "I was one of the lucky ones who majored in computer science," he says. "There were a lot of companies hiring computer geeks like me to help with technical support."

The upwards swing of the 1994 hiring season should continue into 1995, but graduates shouldn't expect to leap into that \$50,000 a year job right away. "Employers are reminding students that they still have some learning to do and that they need to show positive performance on the job," said Scheetz. "A lot of times students think job advancement when they should think job performance. Students proved themselves in college, now they have to prove themselves all over again."

Scheetz said that employers will be looking to hire graduates with significant work-related experience and computer skills. "Employers today aren't satisfied with just a degree," said Scheetz, adding that 58 percent of all graduates hired last year had some form of job experience. "Companies today want their new employees to have strong skills in public speaking, writing, and reasoning. Grads should have good teamwork skills and customer service relations abilities, too." ■

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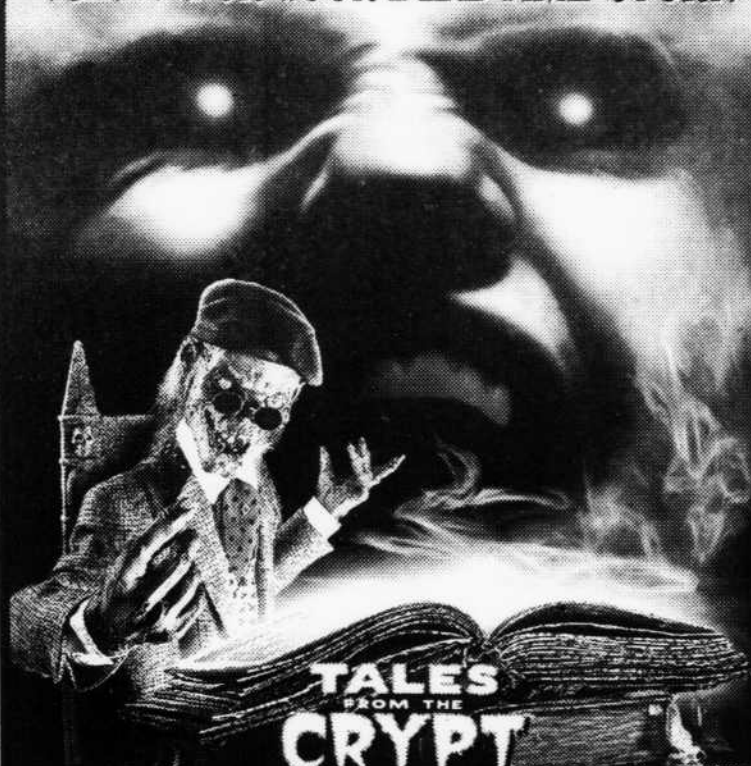
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COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

**Students can hurt others more
when bingeing: research**

MARCO BUSCAGLIA
College Press Service

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—A bad hangover isn't the only effect of a drinking binge.

While researchers say that 44 percent of college students are binge drinkers, they add that nearly 90 percent of all students have suffered from the binge drinking of others.

"Binge drinking is not a problem solely of the person who drinks," says Jeff Merrill, vice president of the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. "It affects the whole fiber of the college campus."

The Harvard School of Public Health found that 87 percent of college students suffered from "secondary binge effects" that were caused by the binge drinking of others. These secondary effects range from insults to sexual assault.

Binge drinking is defined as consumption of five or more drinks in a row for men or four or more drinks in a row for women on one or more occasions during a two week period.

After surveying 17,592 students across the nation, the Harvard study found that:

—68 percent of the surveyed students had been interrupted while sleeping or studying by a binge drinker.

—54 percent had to take care of a drunken student.

—34 percent had been insulted or humiliated.

—26 percent experienced unwanted sexual advances.

—20 percent had a serious argument.

—15 percent had property damaged.

—13 percent were physically assaulted.

—2 percent were sexually assaulted or raped.

"The discovery of secondhand binge effects uncovers a new call to action," says Katherine Lyall, chairman of Harvard's College Alcohol Study

Advisory Board. "Non-bingeing students need to understand that they have a right to demand a better campus environment and immediate action when binge drinking impinges on their education, health and safety."

Lawmakers hoped a nationwide drinking age of 21 would help curb drinking on campuses, but a quick proliferation of fake identification cards dashed those hopes.

Merrill says that it's contradictory for schools to preach about the evils of alcohol at orientation and then look the other way when fraternities host beer bashes to welcome new students.

"Drinking is not an isolated problem, there's a need to change the whole culture," he says. "Schools have to make it clear that they don't support alcohol being issued on campus."

College students should also reevaluate their own notions about drinking, says Merrill. "There is nothing glamorous about being drunk," he says. "It's not as though it makes you perform better in any way. It's been glorified way too much. In reality, it can have horrible results."

But not all students agree with Merrill's outlook.

"People aren't going to come to college and then not have a drink because of what the school tells them," says Robin Palen, a junior at the University of Southern California. "Most people are going to make that decision on their own and not worry about what other people say, especially the administration."

Mark Lowe, also a junior at USC, says the school's efforts to curb students' alcohol intake might be futile considering the emphasis put on alcohol when the school stands to benefit. "When we have homecoming, there are beer tents all over the place," he says. "And do you think they're going to turn down

money from Lite Beer if they decided they wanted to sponsor something?"

Both Palen, 20, and Lowe, 21, realize the hazards of binge drinking. They think, however, that schools should concentrate on safety measures and education, not just prevention.

"It sounds childish, but this is college," says Lowe. "You don't just come there to take classes, you move away from home to start experiencing life. When you finally learn that you can't come crawling home at four in the morning totally lit up on the day of a test, then you start to grow up. People learn from their own mistakes."

Palen agrees. "Having more cops around at night and providing rides for people to get home safely would probably help cut down on campus problems more than a whole 'Don't Drink' campaign," she says. "Students are stubborn. They think they don't have to listen to anyone."

Anthony Keenan, a senior at the University of Pennsylvania, thinks businesses should be more responsible. "Bars that have quarter beer nights are only encouraging people to get plastered," he says. "Think about it. You can get drunk for a couple of bucks. If you want people to stop drinking in binges, kill the quarter beer nights."

Some schools now are offering optional alcohol-free activities on Friday and Saturday nights, hoping that students will opt for pool and pizza instead of bars and beers.

Laura O'Brien, a junior at the University of West Virginia, has attended her school's activity nights in the past. "Sometimes my roommates and I don't feel like drinking, but we still want to go out," she says. "It's just a good way to get out of the apartment and still be in working order when you come home." ■

FBI looking for a few good people

WASHINGTON—Are you a drug-free, job-seeking college senior? Then you may be wanted by the FBI.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation plans to hire up to 2,000 agents over the next three years and will concentrate on recruiting women and minorities to help make the bureau more culturally diverse.

Minorities currently represent 13.5 percent of the FBI, up from 2.3 percent in 1973, while women represent

12.2 percent of the FBI today, up from 0.27 percent in 1973.

In addition to a college degree, basic requirements for employment include physical agility and a willingness to relocate. Applications from college seniors now are being accepted in four areas: law, accounting, language and diversification.

Applicants will be screened in 35 recruiting centers across the country. If

they pass the initial requirements, they will be flown to Washington for processing, testing and hiring.

Starting pay for the FBI, the federal agency responsible for prosecuting more than 250 violations, is approximately \$40,000, and can rise to sell over \$100,000 for upper management positions. ■

THE NATION & WORLD

Reagan Cabinet man admits ethical fault in housing scandals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former HUD Secretary Samuel Pierce admitted today that his conduct contributed to the federal housing scandal of the 1980s, but the ex-Cabinet secretary in the Reagan administration avoided criminal prosecution.

Independent counsel Arlin Adams released a statement in which Pierce admitted his meetings with personal friends who were lobbying for federal housing funds "sent signals to my staff that such persons should receive assistance."

"These meetings and conversations, and my following discussions with staff members, created the appearance that I endorsed my friends' efforts," Pierce's statement, dated Dec. 15, said.

Pierce also acknowledged that he did not testify accurately on Capitol Hill when a congressional subcommittee began looking into HUD.

"Reviewing my exchanges with Members of Congress, I see that I answered certain questions with broad

responses that did not always accurately reflect the events occurring at HUD several years earlier," Pierce stated.

While saying that "I never received a single improper benefit for my actions," Pierce said that "I was the guardian of the HUD gates, and I rested on my post when vigilance was most needed."

Adams said he won't prosecute Pierce because of his age — 72 — poor health and "the conflicting evidence regarding the intent with which he acted, and the absence of any evidence that he or his family profited from his actions at HUD."

Prosecutors said the major investigative phase of their probe of HUD is at an end, but they continue to delve into possible perjury and obstruction of justice by others.

The probe of HUD has resulted in 16 criminal convictions of former high-ranking officials and businessmen and \$2 million in criminal fines. ■

Manila warns U.S. of bomb threats

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — U.S. airlines that fly over the Pacific are taking precautions after Filipino authorities warned of a possible bombing attempt against them during Pope John Paul II's visit this week.

The pope arrives here Thursday for a five-day visit before heading on to Papua New Guinea, Australia and Sri Lanka.

In Washington, the State Department confirmed receiving information from Philippine officials on the threats. In a statement Tuesday, it said U.S. officials had not confirmed the reports but both the U.S. government and the airlines "have implemented special security measures that we believe are sufficient to

counter the threats."

No specific airlines were mentioned and details of the security measures were not released.

U.S. officials speaking on condition of anonymity said the warning was considered serious. They believed it was linked to last Friday's arrest of a Middle Eastern man in a Manila apartment that overlooks a street the pope will use.

President Fidel Ramos today confirmed the arrest of not only one but "a couple of people" with "incriminating evidence," which he did not detail.

Security has been tightened in days leading up to the papal visit.

Police found what appeared to be a bomb today at a police post in the densely

populated Quiapo district about half a mile from the presidential palace. Officer Lorenzo Molato said the device turned out to be three large batteries tied with electric wires to a digital watch.

Philippine officials also fear a Muslim extremist group, Abu Sayyaf, may try to kidnap or kill Catholic priests in the southern Philippines to embarrass the government during the papal visit.

On Dec. 11, a bomb exploded on a Philippine Airlines jet en route to Tokyo, killing one person and injuring five others. A caller who said he was from Abu Sayyaf claimed responsibility. The Boeing 747 landed safely in Okinawa. ■

Pregnant woman falls from bridge

MIAMI (AP) — A pregnant woman clung desperately to the edge of a drawbridge and finally fell 50 feet onto the sidewalk after the bridge tender mistakenly raised the span as she was walking across.

The 25-year-old woman, whose identity wasn't released, miscarried after the fall Tuesday and was in critical condition. She had

been six months pregnant.

The bridge tender, Willie J. Burnes, couldn't hear motorists and passers-by screaming at him in his bulletproof, soundproof booth on the bridge.

Burnes told police he didn't see the woman when he raised the bridge over the Miami River to test the span.

"She panicked up there and froze, instead of trying to

run back down," police spokesman Angel Calzadilla said.

Kimberly Coleman, a spokeswoman for the state Transportation Department, called the accident a "horrible, horrible tragedy."

"We can't really explain what happened. We're investigating to the fullest extent to find out why it happened," she said. ■

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Tunica: Land of lost quarters, dazed looks

Circus Circus visit causes fear, excitement for MTSU couple

BRENT ANDREWS

Features Editor

Highway 63 curves its way out of Memphis in front of us, wandering through old, run-down neighborhoods and ghettos and past a conglomeration of antique stores, gas stations and local grocery stores that lean this way and that. Some threaten to fall onto the highway; others teeter away from the road as if they might fall into their back lots in large heaps any day now.

Old men sit in wicker rockers and chew tobacco and watch the highway roll by, now and then raising a hand to wave at a passing motorist. We return several of these waves on our way to Tunica County, Mississippi, the highway somewhere along the way crossing the state line into Mississippi while the old men, junk stores and porches stay the same, only spread a little thinner on the southern side



BRENT ANDREWS

A long way from 'Vegas, Circus Circus casino stands amid the farmland of Tunica County, Miss.

of the line.

My wife and I discuss for a while how much money we can afford to lose, and finally decide that our budget—and our consciences—won't allow

us to lose more than \$15 each. Any more than that, we agree, would lead to a couple of cases of post-gaming depression. As the farmland passes flat and featureless on

both sides of the road, we look for signs telling just how long this journey is going to be. A day of miscreant behavior in the casinos awaits, and the old

expression "getting there is half the fun" wasn't written by a traveler heading someplace in Mississippi.

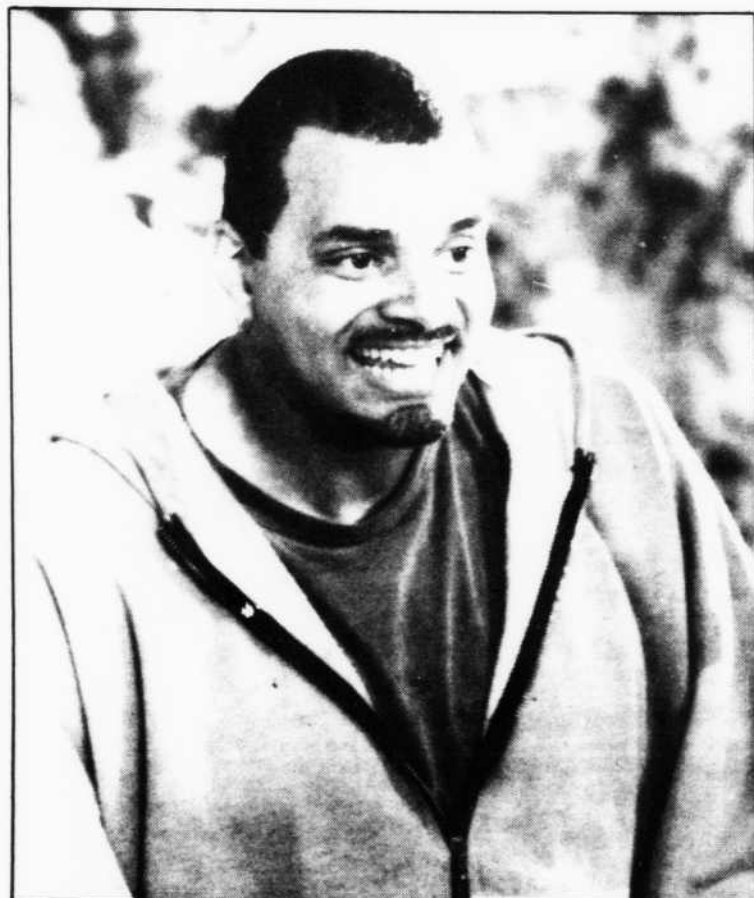
Along the way we read the billboards: "Circus Circus, Family Fun!"; "Beat the odds at Fitzgeralds Casino!"; "Set Sail in Treasure Bay!" Others offer more of the same—favorable odds, friendly atmospheres, free hot dogs, etc... A sign every fifty yards, and not one that tells us how far we have to go until we're already there, when we see a sign for Casino Landing—a group of casinos that is advertised as being "closest to Memphis"—that says in big, bold letters that we should "turn here."

We follow the signs to Casino Landing and Circus Circus, where we have decided to start. From a mile away we see the colorful bigtop of Circus Circus, one of the three casinos making up casino landing. The other two are the Sheraton casino—a beautiful, bright blue castle of a building—and a casino still under construction.

Entering Circus Circus amid a barrage of polka dots, stripes and vivid, roaring colors, we present proof that

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Invite this man into your house



MARSHA BLACKBURN/Special

In *Houseguest*, Sinbad stars as Kevin Franklin, whose get-rich-quick schemes lead him into a Suburban adventure with Phil Hartman, *Saturday Night Live* alum, who co-stars as Gary Young. This is the first film with Sinbad in a leading role, but he has had cameos in *Meteor Man*, *Necessary Roughness* and *Coneheads*.

Houseguest comes up with laughs for the family

ROBIN DIXON
Managing Editor

When Kevin Franklin (Sinbad) was a boy living in a Pittsburgh orphanage, he'd wade in wishing fountains to get rich. Twenty-four years and four months later, nothing has changed. He will do anything to get rich. He'll rent get-rich-quick videos (with John Davidson hosting and singing no less), buy crates of baseball cards (there might be a Ken Griffey Jr.) and borrow \$5,000 from the neighborhood loan shark.

Houseguest follows the trail of Kevin after he fails to pay Happy Marcelli (Don Brockett) \$5,000. As a result, Happy sends his collection agency, Pauly (Paul Ben-Victor) and Joey (Tony Longo) Gasperini, to Kevin's apartment. After telling

Kevin that he now owes Happy \$50,000, he flees to the airport with the Gasperini brothers close behind. While hiding behind a luggage carousel, Kevin overhears Gary Young (Phil Hartman) telling his children about Derek Bond, an old friend he hasn't seen in 25 years. Realizing that the Young family is his only means of escape, Kevin tells Gary that he is Derek.

As a houseguest of the Young family, Kevin discovers that he isn't the only one with problems. Gary not only has problems with his wife, Emily (Kim Greist), but with his boss as well. Brooke (Kim Murphy), the Young's oldest daughter, dresses in black, mourns dead philosophers and dates ST-3 (Kevin Jordan), a "straight-up hommie from the hood," who happens to be white. Jason (Chauncey Leopardi), the only son, gets picked on by older kids on the basketball court and everyone seems to argue and fight, unless Kevin is around.

In the middle of this suburban hell, Kevin is still

hiding from the Gasperini brothers and trying to figure out what Derek Bond does for a living.

Do you really believe being rich is worth all this trouble?

Neither does Kevin.

The plot of *Houseguest*, like so many other films, is a recycled one and Disney owns the copyright. In the mid-80's there was *Down and Out in Beverly Hills*, where the Nick Nolte character conned his way into a Beverly Hills mansion. In 1990, there was *Sister Act* where "sister" Mary Clarence, like Kevin, ran from the mob and hid with a group of nuns. And in 1995, there is *Houseguest*.

There must be some complicated mathematical formula that movie studios like Disney uses to determine when to release a film with a recycled plot. It has to be sometime after the video sales of the last movie, but soon enough to capitalize on the same audiences.

Whatever the formula is, it

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we are in fact 21 years of age to a security guard at the door and then we are enveloped in the sights, sounds and smells of a large casino: everywhere bells are ringing; rotating, flashing lights are shining and people are milling about, dropping a quarter in first one slot machine and then another. The grey, nameless smell of money reaches our senses and puts crazy-feeling grins on our faces. Beneath our feet a rich, deep-red carpet feels comfortable enough to sleep on, and the glint of silver is all around us, covering the slot machines and making them look like ancient treasure chests.

We have no idea where to begin, but our stomachs come through with an idea: a buffet is being served upstairs, and we haven't eaten all day. Glad to have a place to sit and take all of this in, we find a table in the dining room and order the buffet, our only choice. As we savor the less than delightful casino fare—taco salad, with an optional helping of roast beef—we remind ourselves that we didn't come here for the food. It is cheap though, and filling, and the meal gives us time to recover from the sensory overload we both experienced upon walking in the door. Our plates empty, we tip the waitress and head for the slots.

We sit side by side at identical slot machines and begin to insert quarters and pull levers, Ginny using two coins at a time while I cautiously stick with one for the time being. Soon we are both winning moderately, smiling at each other and laughing like this is the greatest thing since cotton candy, and within thirty minutes we are "up" \$20 between us. Ginny's eyes almost glow as she as she puts in two quarters, pulls the lever on the side of her machine, then repeats the process over and over, faster and faster. I watch her for a while, now and then slipping one of my own quarters into my machine and winning some, losing more. As our winnings decline from \$20 to \$15 to \$6.25, I begin to grow nervous.

"Alright," I say to her, "let's quit while we're ahead, before we lose it all. We'll feel good about winning a little laundry money and we won't go home broke."

She looks at me and smiles; her arm moves on its own now. Her eyes twinkle, then take on a slightly confused look. Her arm is still moving, and I start to worry. My usually conservative, sane wife has all the classic symptoms of gambling fever. I know Circus Circus doesn't employ any staff doctors to cure this sort of thing, so I'm on my own.

"Come on," I smile. You have to smile in these situations; you can never be too careful. The look in her eyes is pleasant for now, but three seconds from now?? As I carefully pick my words, I find myself wondering if she has any sharp objects in her pockets.

"Let's take our winnings and go, sweetheart." I give my coin-cup a shake. "Let's get out of here before it's too late."

"No way," she says. "We're winning." She turns back to her machine and continues inserting coins, pulling the lever, watching as the symbols rotate and stop over and over in random rows of three on her payline.

What the Hell, we can only lose the thirty bucks we came in here to lose anyway, so have some fun, I tell myself, turning to my machine with grim determination.

"Okay, baby," I say to the machine as I caress one cold, steel side in an effort to warm it up. "Do me right."

I begin to drop one quarter after another, the sound of coins dropping into Ginny's winnings tray spurring me on. Soon I match her agility in moving my hand from the quarter-cup to the slot to the lever to the quarter-cup—one motion, no pauses, eyes watching the display spin and willing, no, begging, for three in a row. Now and then a cherry stops on my payline, and I get four credits—I'm using two coins at a time now too—that can be used to play again or redeemed for quarters by using the "cash out" button on my screen.

Soon we're winning again, moving steadily from our low of a \$10 loss to just about the break even point. Then, just as quickly, we've almost lost it all. We feel the lightness of our quarter-cups, and bemoan the emptiness of our winnings trays like we would grieve over the loss of an old dead friend. But it's not over until it's over, my father sometimes says, and we continue our motions more fervently, faster, and with more tight-lipped determination than ever. Sweat rolls off Ginny's brow—is this the same woman I brought with me to Tunica today? I ask myself—as she pulls the lever on her machine and stares imploringly at the screen, her mouth hanging slightly open.

At last, a windfall. Well, not exactly a windfall, but by the relief on our faces it must look like a windfall to those around us when the bells and buzzers and rotating lights start to go crazy on Ginny's machine, the three matching symbols on her payline promising payment of 100 quarters. We watch in awe as the credits on her screen slowly go from zero to 100. As soon as the 99 disappears and is replaced by 100, her finger is on the cash out button. She was born at night, as they say, but she wasn't born last night. We were going to take our

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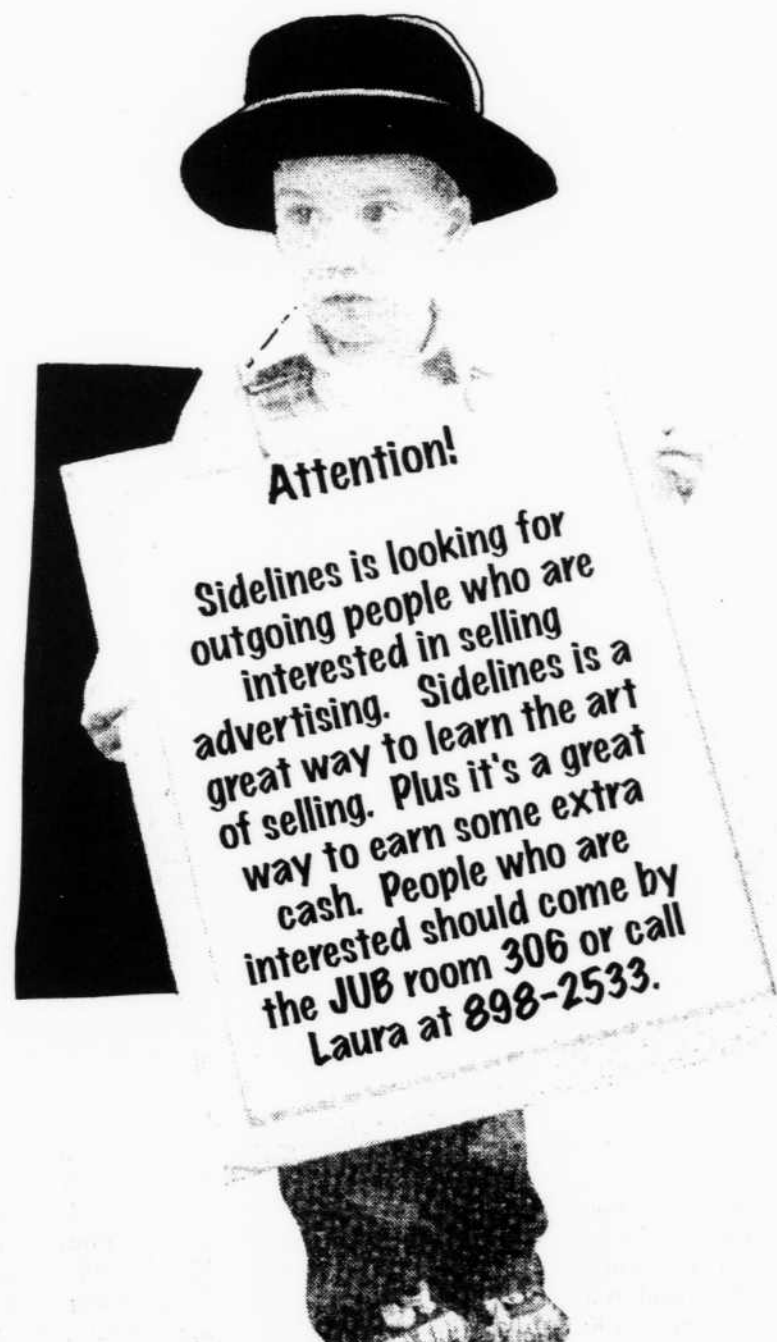
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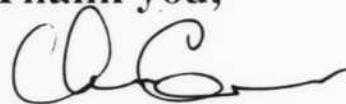
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Thank you,



Christopher Ervin, *Collage* Editor

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money and get the hell out of Circus Circus.

But wait, I have some loose change in my pockets, dimes and nickels, and we play all of my nickels before we leave, losing every time, then cash in my dimes for more nickels and lose them too. Though we're

winning nothing, neither of us really wants to leave. Ginny finds a quarter in the winnings tray of a nearby machine and we both smile broadly, feeling lucky as four-leaf clover, lucky as two rusty old horseshoes nailed above the door of some old-timer's cabin. We trade in our quarters for cash—at a loss of only \$5, and head for the door feeling happy to be alive,

and lucky to get out of here with our shirts still on.

I squeal my tires a little on the way out of the parking lot, throwing pebbles and small chunks of concrete in the direction of the gaudy, exciting front entrance. The morning has already been a roller coaster ride, and we haven't even found the city of Tunica yet. ■

GUEST

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appears to equal five years. Despite this, *Houseguest* (like *Sister Act* and *Down and Out in Beverly Hills*) works.

Practice makes perfect.

One of the reasons *Houseguest* works is casting. Kevin Franklin charms his way into the Young family in almost the same fashion as Will Smith's character does in *Six Degrees of Separation*. Whereas Smith uses the guise of high-class society, Sinbad uses the working class. And both actors succeed in their roles, because they are naturally charismatic and

just plain "nice." After four seasons of "A Different World," two HBO specials and a season of "The Sinbad Show," it's difficult to imagine Sinbad in a non "nice" role. In *Houseguest*, he uses all his comedic wit and rapid-fire responses to bring life into Kevin Franklin. In a scene involving a McDonalds, for instance, Sinbad does a take off of his patented line, "Why does it takes people all day long to order something at McDonalds? They stand there starring at the menu and it hadn't changed in 50 years!"

How true.

Another interesting character is ST-3, a state

senator's son, who thinks he is a rapper. Kevin Jordan, who makes his film debut in *Houseguest*, comes off like a juvenile Vanilla Ice with "ST-3" shaved in the back of his head and his "Yeah, what up G?" vernacular. It would be fascinating to see a sequel to this movie in which ST-3, who now owes money to the mob, has to hide out in Kevin's house.

Maybe in another five years.

Houseguest is rated PG and is an ideal movie to see with the family. ■

Houseguest

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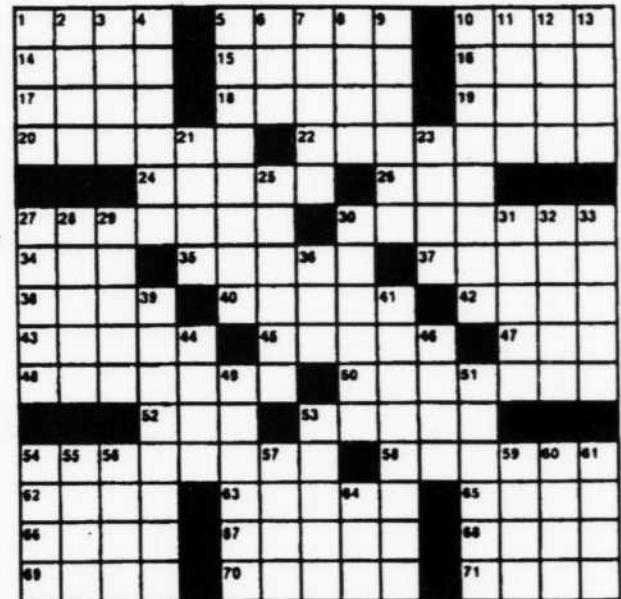
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The Crossword**ACROSS**

- 1 Cut it out!
- 5 Well-flavored
- 10 Sketched
- 14 The grand passion
- 15 Cost
- 16 Ireland
- 17 Like good wine
- 18 Force forward
- 19 Ice cream holder
- 20 Roam about
- 22 Schooled
- 24 Cuts of pork
- 26 Firearm
- 27 Keepsake
- 30 Long-haired dogs
- 34 Crude metal
- 35 — Hall U.
- 37 Important dice roll
- 38 Large amount
- 40 Sofa
- 42 Flintstones' pet
- 43 John Quincy —
- 45 Gem weight
- 47 Gas buggy
- 48 Free from prison
- 50 Biblical letter
- 52 Illuminated
- 53 Venerate
- 54 Immaculate
- 58 Measurement
- 62 Disabled
- 63 Eliminate a vowel
- 65 Issue a challenge to
- 66 Eternally
- 67 Wireless
- 68 Panache
- 69 Refute
- 70 Harsh
- 71 Beams

DOWN

- 1 Cabbage dish
- 2 Roman garb
- 3 Baker's need
- 4 Self door to door
- 5 Lively
- 6 Provide guns
- 7 Conduits
- 8 Like tea at times
- 9 Downpour
- 10 Poured wine
- 11 Uprising
- 12 Sea eagle
- 13 Unwelcome plant
- 21 Long time periods
- 23 Slices
- 25 Catch sight of
- 27 Large tooth
- 28 Wear away
- 29 Tin or copper
- 30 Caught in a trap
- 31 Ask to vacate
- 32 Of kidneys
- 33 Sleep sound
- 36 Eggs
- 39 Place for refining metals
- 41 Pastry delight
- 44 Go by boat
- 46 Weary
- 49 Takes the wheel
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Raiders drub Southern

MTSU defense
stuns nations
leading scorer

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

After claiming their first road win in twenty games last Saturday at Austin Peay, the Blue Raiders continued their winning ways last night at Monte Hale Arena with a impressive win over Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Middle Tennessee's tough defense was a key factor in the Raider game plan, considering that the Jaguars traditionally rank as one of the highest scoring teams in the nation and coming into last night were averaging 111.6 points per game.

Posting a 5-2 record, the Jags scored over 100 points in each of their victories.

The game promised a matchup of Southern's high-powered "run and gun" offense versus the Raiders' stingy defense. And in the end the more powerful force

confidence and increase the confidence that the things your doing will work."

Fundamental mistakes, including twelve turnovers, plagued the Jaguars and helped Middle jump on top early in the game. The Raiders' defense in the first

score behind a 3-pointer from guard Mitch Taylor and three free throws from forward Tim Roberts. But the Raiders quickly stepped up defensively and regained the lead, with David Washington scoring eight points in the first four minutes of the half.

Three-pointers from the Jaguars kept Middle Tennessee from pulling too far away, and the teams traded baskets for much of the second half.

The action heated up late in the half, with the lead changing with almost every possession. With just under six minutes remaining, sophomore guard Roni Bailey scored after a Marcus LoVette steal to put the Raiders on top 71-69, and it seemed the victory was a guarantee.

But Southern continued to fight back and with

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"Winning continues to increase your confidence and increase the confidence that the things you're doing will work."

- David Farrar, MTSU head coach

was the defense, as Middle won the contest 81-78, Southern's lowest point total of the season.

"We, at different times, have had some doubts," MTSU head coach David Farrar said. "Winning continues to increase you're

half also led to poor shot selection by Southern and very few uncontested shots. Led by twelve points by Tim Gaither, Middle went into the locker room at halftime with a 42-37 lead.

In the second half Southern quickly tied the

Raider road skid ends at Austin Peay

TIM HARRELL
Staff Writer

MTSU (5-4) hit the OVC road with nine players and came out winners against the Austin Peay Governors Monday night, 77-74.

The win was MTSU's first on the road since January '93 against Tennessee Tech. It was MTSU's first victory over Austin Peay in four years.

"I think it's monumental..." said Coach Farrar speaking on the win by his team.

All nine MTSU players were in the points column with four in double figures.

"It got the monkey off our backs in a big way. This is the biggest game we've won since I've been here. We won it because we

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UTC Mocs scalped by Lady R's

DREW BUTLER
Staff Writer

MTSU shot the ball well in the first half of their game last Saturday against the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, but their defense won the game.

The Lady Raiders won their fourth straight game with the best defensive effort of the year by winning the game 84-51 at Alumni Gym.

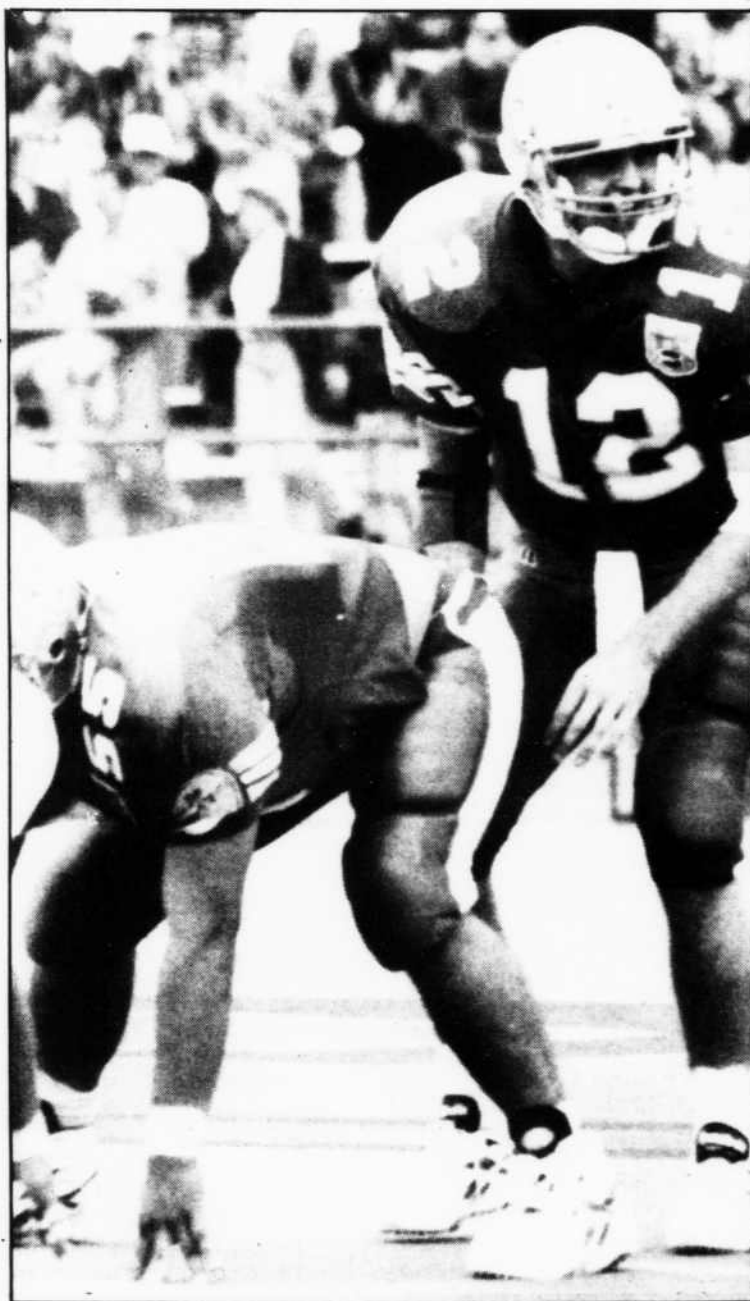
"This was the most zone defense we have played since I've been here as a coach," said MTSU Head Coach Lewis Bivens. "We switched to a 1-3-1 (zone), which we practice a lot, but don't really play a lot in games."

The first half of the game saw the Lady Raiders take control offensively by shooting 59 percent from the field and 64 percent from beyond the three-point line. In the same half, MTSU's defense shut down the UTC offense by causing 29 percent shooting and 14 percent in 3-pointers.

"(Assistant Coach) Missy Blissard did an excellent job with the scouting report on UTC," said Bivens. "It was not so much that we played great defense as our team matched up with their team real well."

"We did a real good job with our half-court trap," said MTSU senior Heather Prater, who lead MTSU by

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Charles Hogue/Staff

MR. MVP

MTSU Blue Raider quarterback Kelly Holcomb impressed the pro scouts on Christmas day by shining in the annual Blue-Gray game held in Montgomery, Alabama. Holcomb, who recently completed his senior season by re-writing the MTSU record book, was named the Gray MVP despite falling to the Blue.

Holcomb enjoys Merry Christmas

Record-setting
Raider quarterback
shines for scouts

BRYAN KELL
Staff Writer

While most MTSU students were spending Christmas Day opening presents, MTSU Senior Quarterback Kelly Holcomb was winning the Most Valuable Player award at the recent Blue-Gray game held in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. Holcomb completed nine of sixteen passes for 158 yards and a touchdown, as his Gray squad came up short in a 38-27 loss.

"It was a great opportunity for me to try and showcase my talents," Holcomb said. "The game was pretty laid back and I got to meet some pretty nice people."

One of the people Mr. Holcomb met was his roommate, Eastern Kentucky quarterback, John Sacca. Sacca and his Eastern Kentucky Colonels came into Murfreesboro this year and beat the Blue Raiders 28-27.

"We really didn't talk about it all that much," said Holcomb. "He's a good guy and a good player."

Mr. Holcomb and Mr. Sacca split time at the quarterback position on the

Gray squad that was coached by Auburn's head football coach Terry Bowden.

"I liked him a whole bunch," said Holcomb of coach Bowden. "He's really down to earth...real hyper."

Not only did Mr. Holcomb get to meet a lot of the best players and coaches in the country, he came face to face with the NFL scouts...and their tests.

"First thing they had me do was take a 462 problem test for the New York Giants," Holcomb said.

"They ask you some weird questions, but I guess that's part of the process. If that helps me on the next level I will take as many of them as they want me to," stresses Holcomb.

A group of people who have supported Mr. Holcomb on every level is his family. They made the trek to Montgomery to share Christmas and the event with Mr. Holcomb.

"They've made every game my whole four years, and they've only missed one game in my whole career, from junior high to senior high. That's playing baseball, basketball and football," said Holcomb.

Christmas time is a time of giving and for those watching the Blue-Gray game, Kelly Holcomb gave us a performance to be proud of, gaining a Most Valuable

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Boots doesn't walk out on MTSU

Long-time mentor
pulls name from
Vandy contention

TONY ARNOLD
Sports Advisor

MTSU got a late Christmas present of sorts on December 26th when it received word it was getting to keep Boots Donnelly as head football coach.

Coach Donnelly, who has been coaching at his alma mater since 1979, withdrew his name from contention for the vacant Vanderbilt head coaching job. He cited a lengthy search process as one of his major reasons.

"My first responsibility is to the football program at Middle Tennessee," Donnelly said. "I don't feel that it is fair for me to leave my players, my staff and the administration in limbo any longer."

Coach Donnelly had been dubbed a leading candidate for the job after Gerry DiNardo left his post at Vandy for Louisiana State. He served as an assistant at Vanderbilt, located in his

hometown of Nashville, in 1976.

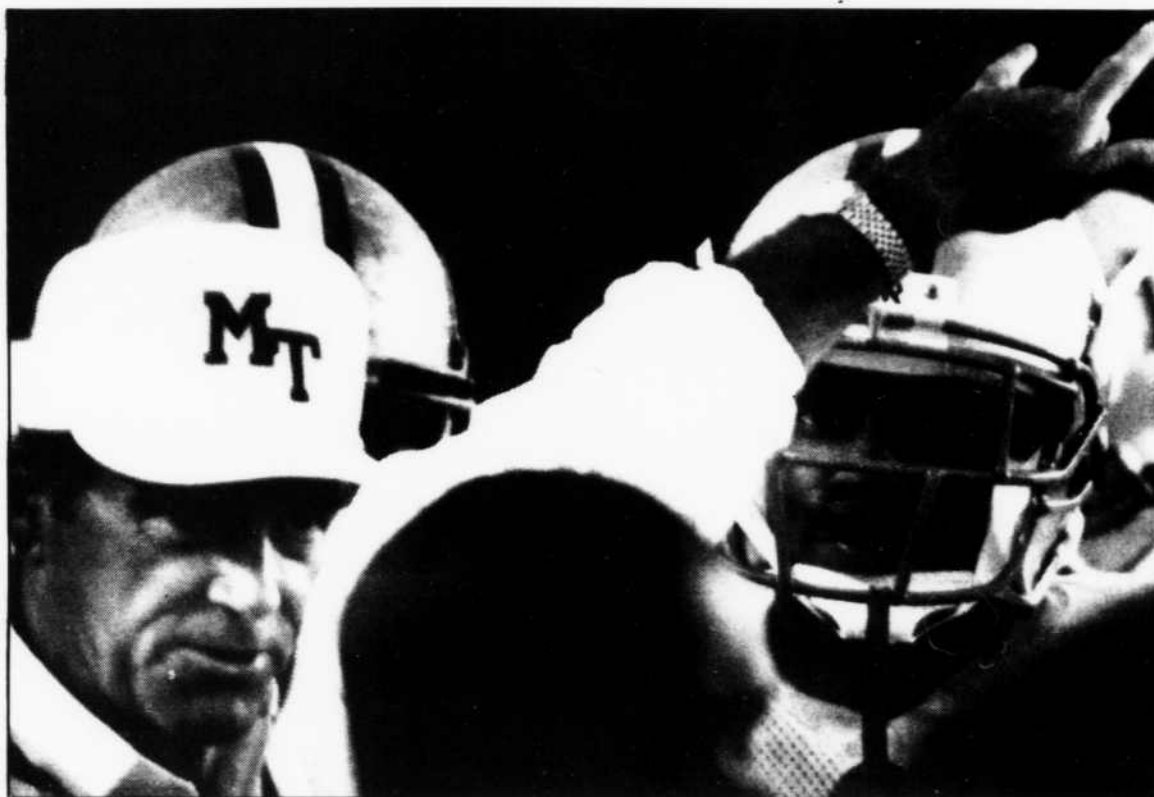
"I would like to thank Paul Hoolahan (Vandy's Athletic Director) for considering me and wish Vanderbilt good luck in its selection," Donnelly said.

Vandy eventually chose Cleveland Browns quarterback coach Rod Dowhower.

Coach Donnelly had interviewed with other universities in the past but remained at MTSU with hopes of pushing the current I-AA program onto the Division I-A level.

"I think this is a great university and I work for a president (Dr. James Walker) that loves football," Donnelly stated. "This is a great community and my biggest concern right now is recruiting and getting us back to a championship level in our conference and back into the playoffs."

Coach Donnelly led the Blue Raiders into the playoffs for the seventh time this past season and ended the year with a 8-3-1 record. In his tenure at MTSU, his Raider squads have amassed a 132-74-1 record and garnished four Ohio Valley



FILE PHOTO

The Master at work

MTSU football coach Boots Donnelly has a pep talk with his troops in a recent game. Donnelly was a front-runner for the open Vanderbilt coaching position but later withdrew his name from contention.

Lady Raiders' Heather Prater 'assisting' in win streak.

Heather Prater eclipsed 350 career assists during the game last Saturday against UT-Chattanooga. Prater's 352 assists places her in fifth place among all-time assist leaders at MTSU.

During the Lady Raiders' four-game winning streak, Prater has also averaged 22 points per game, including a 19-point game on Saturday.

"I've been trying to take better shot lately and make better decisions," said Prater. "My teammates have been working hard to get me the open shots." ■

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Player award in the process.

"That was probably the best Christmas present I ever had," boasts Kelly. "It

was kind of weird not being at home for Christmas because you usually think of waking up and opening presents, but we just had a Christmas in Montgomery."

The Blue Raider coaching

staff was also pleased with Kelly's performance. MTSU quarterback coach Alex Robbins said, "We felt he played awfully well and we are very, very proud [of Kelly]." ■

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kept our composure," said Jr. guard Tim Gaither who lead the Blue Raiders with 21 points and 11-for-13 at the foul line. Velvious Goodloe and David Washington both contributed 12 points and caused three turnovers. MTSU won the battle under the boards with 39 to Austin Peay's 34 however the Govs kept it close by hitting 72% of their free throws. The Blue Raiders defense held the Govs to 43% shooting and a total of nine turnovers. The Govs led 40-38 at half-time but a sudden surge by the Raiders left the Govs down 63-51 with 7:45 remaining. Austin Peay fought back but it was not enough at the end. MTSU won 77-74.

"The thing about it is the players did it themselves. You like to learn while your winning," stated Coach

Farrar.

However, MTSU left last semester with a 4-0 record during the break the Blue Raiders went 1-4. MTSU open the break on Dec. 21, with TCU, and came out on the losing side of the score. The Blue Raiders then took on Radford. This Dec. 29, home game was a heartbreaker as MTSU loss their second game in a row.

On Dec. 31, MTSU went up to the LAND of Lakes to take on the Mighty Gophers. Minnesota, one of the Big-Ten front-runners, saw to it that this MTSU team would be no match for the Gophers by turning the ball over 26 times during the game. Coach Farrar sum up the game by saying,

"We weren't very physical on the boards. We were not physical defensively. We didn't attack the goal offensively. Maybe for a few minutes in the second half

we did a little better-but not considerably." This was MTSU's third consecutive loss by losing to Minnesota 98-57. The Blue Raiders hoped to turn things around with a victory over UT-Martin. This OVC opener did not bring about what our faithful hoped for. Instead the game turns out to be very ugly.

"That was the worst-coached team I have ever put on the court," said Coach David Farrar, "and it was the worst game I have ever seen in 26 years of coaching." The Blue Raiders ended the game wit a shortfall of 64-66. This loss capped a four game loosing skid that was stopped by the win over Austin Peay. The Blue Raiders are 1-1 in the OVC and 5-4 overall. MTSU will take on Murray State this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Murphy Center. ■



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Blue Raider point guard takes a shot against the tall timber in the lane last night. Gaither will lead his troops against Murray State Saturday.

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ten seconds left Jaguar guard Darrell Barlow had the opportunity to tie the game at 79 with two free throws. But his second attempt rattled out, and David Washington came out of the ensuing scramble with the rebound, and hit two free throws to seal the victory for the home team.

Five Blue Raiders scored in double figures, including David Washington, who led the team with twenty points including eighteen in the second half. Tim Gaither scored nineteen, and Marcus Lovett contributed twelve, along with six rebounds and five steals.

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scoring 19 points. "Our press was a lot better, too."

Defensively, the game was the exact opposite of the Lady Raiders' game last Thursday's win against UT-Martin. In that game, MTSU saw a 21-point lead disappear, but held off UT-Martin 106-96.

"It was a thing we had to prove to ourselves after we allowed UT-Martin to score 96 points Thursday night. We really worked hard on our defense in practice," said Prater.

Prater was one of five MTSU players that finished in double figures in the game.

Guard Trella Thomas had 14 points and nine rebounds. Forward Jessica Beaty had 16 points and eight rebounds, while Sherry Tucker scored 15 points. Natalie Sneed came off the bench to score 10 points.

MTSU started the game with a 11-0 lead

Following the game, Coach David Farrar credited connecting on free throws as a factor in the teams recent success.

"Tonight, a lot of different people had to make free throws," Farrar said. "That makes for a lot better feeling about close games and how you do in them."

Leading scorer David Washington, whose own two free throws put the lid on the victory for Middle, commented that he felt more and more at ease as the game went on, adding that in the second half he came back and was more comfortable, and that led to his playing more aggressively.

The Blue Raiders go for their third win in a row this Saturday night at 7:30 when they host the Murray State Racers. ■

three minutes into the game and UTC never got closer than seven points in the first half. In the second half, the closest UTC got was 17 points.

The UTC contest was the last game of a Christmas break which saw MTSU lose two games to nationally ranked SEC teams — Alabama (70-99) and Mississippi (56-106).

"You only get better by playing good people," said Bivens. "You can learn a lot in terms of who can play under real pressure."

The Lady Raiders bounced back and won games against Fairleigh Dickinson (108-71) and Appalachian State (73-65).

MTSU plays its second OVC conference game at Austin Peay on Thursday at 5:45 pm.

"They are a tough team. We're looking at the as a critical game going into the OVC race," said Prater.

"It's really important that we have a chance to win that ball game," said Bivens. "They're a lot bigger than us, so we really have to come out and play good basketball." ■



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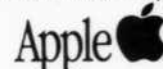
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Editorial

A new semester is upon us, as is a new leadership at this newspaper. Once again we students are faced with four months of intense studying and, for some, intense partying.

We at *Sidelines* pledge this semester to bring the student body the most accurate news possible, features that will inform and intrigue you, opinions relevant to the community, state and nation, and the latest sports to help you keep up to date on all the MTSU happenings.

As you browse these pages you will find some changes in the way the paper looks. We have added a few things in an attempt to make the paper look more graphically pleasing as well as more reader-friendly.

We will have comics and crossword puzzles on a regular basis as well as an in-house music reviewer. For the first time, we will feature the writings of the columnist for the twentysomething generation, Dave Barry. His column will appear on Mondays.

We also hope to bring you revelations from members of the MTSU administration and faculty about the state of the University and their views of the future here.

Overall, we hope to bring you a well-rounded newspaper that you will want to read—not, as one student once put it, "line my bird cage with."

We are certain that you will let us know if we are doing our job, and encourage you to do so, with letters to the editor.

So the semester begins. Good luck with your classes, and if you will be graduating in May, good luck with your job hunt. We look forward to reading your comments.

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Did you get screwed last week?

school daze



Warren Wakeland

For those of you whose moms and dads don't pay your tuition in advance, fee payment took place last Thursday and Friday at Murphy Center. It's a delightful time, and you never do the same thing twice from semester to semester. I guess that's what keeps us coming back for more. It certainly couldn't be that we want to go to school.

I had to go Thursday afternoon, and it was cold outside. I didn't want to leave the cushy comforts of the lavish in-town cubbyhole that serves as my humble abode, but if you don't go the university deletes your schedule and then you are really up the proverbial creek. So I trudged out in the bitter weather.

When I got home later that day, I noticed the weather reports saying we could have ice and snow and freezing rain. I thought about how insane people around here get when there's a threat of inclement weather. It was then when I got to wondering.

What happens if you can't get to fee payment because of the weather?

I have a friend who lives in Chattanooga. She was scheduled to come up here Friday to be Murphy-Centered but couldn't get her car over Monteagle Mountain to get here. Just a slight problem—the road was

closed by the Tennessee Highway Patrol because going down the mountain was akin to going down a bobsled run.

I wondered how many others were in the same predicament—having to come from Chattanooga or Nashville or Memphis and not being able to get here. See, we only had rain here, but there was snow in Memphis and ice in Nashville. Driving was not the number one priority of the day for most.

I went looking for an answer. I looked in the catalog, but could find no evidence of a weather policy concerning registration.

Then I called the scheduling center. I was told that if your date was Friday and you could not get here, you had to call them to let them know. If you called, you were put on a list of people who would not have their schedules purged and your fee payment would be deferred until Jan. 30. If you didn't call, you were just SOL (s— out of luck).

Do you think there's something wrong with this?

There is no written policy concerning this situation, and, if ever, this situation has probably only happened once or twice before. The school may have just decided to do this when they heard about the possible weather problem. The problem is that no one was informed about what to do if this happened.

First, let me say this: if your travels were affected by the weather, you could not get here and *didn't* call, you're a bonehead. You know what they say about assuming? It makes an a— out of "u" and "me."

Now let's get to the crux of this: there needs to be a better way to handle this, like extending the fee payment procedure one day.

There are probably some people who intend to graduate in May who have been affected by this dilemma. If they can't get the classes they need to graduate because their schedules have been deleted, there's going to be a problem. Without a written policy concerning this situation, it is conceivable one could sue the university for misrepresentation.

Ms. Melissa S. Van Hook, assistant director of the scheduling center, commented to me that if you have a problem getting here, no matter the weather, you should call to try to make other arrangements. But the fact is that some people did not think to call, and when they finally did get here their schedules were gone and now they have a problem.

The university needs to find a way to accommodate these people. Of course, we are all supposed to be in the higher learning patterns of society, so calling when you have a problem should come into your head. But it doesn't, and the university needed to expect this. I don't think they did.

As a result, there could be thousands of students who had a schedule, but because they were snowed/sleeted/iced in, they have to try to get a schedule now. That's a shame.

Of course, now I might be able to get the previously closed research class I need for one of my minors. ■

OPINIONS

Them good 'ol TV-free blues

From The
Grandstand



Mark
Blevins

American pastimes. As American as apple pie. American as baseball. American as Yoknapatawpha County. American as barbecue. American as rhythm and blues.

A Wednesday back while at The Boro Bar and Grill on Greenland watching the local blues stars "The Nationals" play, I was struck cold at the convergence of two American pastimes. The blues. (Undoubtedly an American dish.) And television.

So I'm at The Boro and behind one of the best testaments to accessible local talent—"The Nationals"—are two television sets flashing images of, you guessed it, O.J. Simpson. (I'm sorry for even mentioning his name.) Apparently, ESPN was showing old footage of

interviews with the master running back-turned bad actor-turned part-time wife beater/killer. (I mean alleged part-time wife beater/killer. But who really gives a flip anyway.)

I suppose ESPN was searching the old tapes for clues to find out just where poor old O.J. went astray. Sad story. But there is a bright spot. Since California uses lethal gas (even though lethal injection would be better), taxpayers will be saving hundreds of thousands of dollars as opposed to the costs to run an electric chair. (This is a projected figure for a possible in-the-works federally-mandated, aggressive executing program.)

But I'm not holding my breath until a few execution are broadcast to the American people so that we might judge for ourselves if the executions are efficient. Preferably between Saturday morning cartoons. A play-by-play on radio-free India would be the spoon in the icing.

Poor O.J.

But maybe you folks out there give a hoot about O.J. I don't care if you do. I don't care if you develop couch sores from watching the trial unfold. Rot the pooper and the noggin. It might make my day. I probably don't like you anyway.

But anyway, my griper flared up on the Wednesday back when I wanted to enjoy an excellent group of musicians playing those good ol' American blues. I didn't want to see a television (make that two) glaring in the background. The Boro needs to decide whether it's hosting a band or a television viewing. Not both.

But, that's not even the issue, is it? It comes down to the idea that The Boro (and many—I don't mean to single anybody out—many others) think you feel more comfy with a TV is on.

Blah blah, blah, blah blah.

Draw your own conclusions.

I'm just looking for some TV-free blues. ■

Chung took advantage of Mrs. Gingrich

The
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Christina
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The nation's liberal media has launched a no-holds-barred smear campaign against the new Speaker of the House in a desperate attempt to stimulate artificial controversy and

undermine the mandate of the Republican congress. Over the holidays, the so called news shows each presented segments discussing the improprieties of Rep. Newt Gingrich (D-Ga.). The attacks were so blatant that most Americans ignored the shows and controversy never erupted.

The new year has brought a new trick from journalists attempting to embarrass the Speaker. CBS News anchor Ms. Connie Chung successfully overshadowed the pertinent news of the past week with a breach of confidence. Ms. Chung was interviewing the Speaker's

parents about their son. Like all parents of successful men, the Gingrichs were proud of their "Newty" and shared family stories with Ms. Chung. They were at ease with themselves and the journalist, and frankly their parental pride may have made them a bit careless.

When Ms. Chung asked Mrs. Gingrich what her son thought of first lady Ms. Hillary Clinton, Ms. Gingrich declined to answer. Ms. Chung pressed her to respond by insinuating she simply wanted to know for her own benefit. Of course, the insinuation was a lie and Ms. Gingrich's remark was used to divert attention away from the business of government.

As ridiculous as this entire controversy is, there are several issues this brings to mind. First of all, Ms. Chung's tactics were equivalent to those of a con artist who cheats the elderly. Ms. Chung was welcomed into the Gingrich home, treated with hospitality, respect, and honesty, and in return she lied to her hosts and attempted to smear their son's reputation. As a human being, Ms. Chung's

actions were rude; as a journalist, Ms. Chung's actions have reaffirmed the belief that journalists are scum.

The second issue brought to mind is how a parent's remark should affect their child's credibility. Speaker Gingrich has not dignified the controversy with either a confirmation or a denial that he used the "B" word to describe Ms. Clinton. Although it is safe to assume that he did use the "B" word, he used the term in private conversation with his mother. Private conversation is a protected right in the United States. Ms. Chung violated the rights of the Speaker and his mother.

The final issue is this: Ms. Clinton is a "B" word. So what if Speaker Gingrich called her one? A spade is a spade. People have been bullied into concealing their feelings by this country's thought police for too long. How refreshing it would be if the Speaker could express himself free from repercussion. After all, isn't that the purpose for which liberals claim to fight? Freedom of expression? ■

Letters to the Editor

Reader chagrined by lack of housing coverage

To The Editor:

I am very disappointed with this papers' seeming disregard towards informing our fellow students of the dangers they are exposed to by this campus' administration. At least have the integrity to allow me to inform those chosen to remain in the dark of these dangers.

It is a documented fact that in 1984, a Board of Regents study confirmed the presence of asbestos in many of the dorms and buildings of this campus. Campus authorities, including Ivan Shewmake, Director of Housing, were made aware of this fact. The Environmental Protection Agency has established strict regulations concerning the proper removal and disposal of asbestos from any building. Terry Logan, Safety Officer for MTSU, and Ivan Shewmake know these laws as part of their jobs. They chose to blatantly ignore these regulations and not only removed asbestos from dorm rooms without following proper guidelines, but used student workers to do it!! These students were not informed of the danger to their lives, they wore no protective clothing, and no measures were taken to insure the safety of the public from breathing these lethal fibers.

Charles F. Johnson and Dan Sinclair, both former employees of MTSU, have provided this University and this paper with enough information about these incidents, all of it uncontradicted and true, that it can only be assumed that this University and this paper are willingly withholding information for subversive reasons. The reporters on your staff should use this opportunity to learn about real journalism, that the truth should always be their goal, and that no matter what the pressures, the public has a right to know the truth. I hope that censorship is not indeed alive and well at MTSU.

Justin Johnson
MTSU Box 5832

Case described in story not the way things work

To The Editor:

Please permit me to take exception to a quotation in the article "Animal Rights Brought to a Local Level by MTSU Students" by Cassandra Murray in the December 5, 1994 edition of *Sidelines*.

The quotation I refer to was by Deborah Jackson and was in reference to Tennessee Walking Horses and what she referred to as a case of alleged abuse that occurred in Manchester. Ms. Jackson's quote was "To get the horse to walk correctly, you have to create pain in their hooves. This is done by acid, spikes and barbed wire."

Everyone I know within the Walking Horse and Spotted Horse industry followed the case she referred to. We were very disappointed in what we felt was a very minor punishment which was imposed for this charge. Ms. Jackson however has obviously very little knowledge nor has she done any investigation into the care and training of Tennessee Walking Horses. Had she taken the time to educate herself she would have found the vast majority of Walking Horse Trainers as well as the owners of Tennessee Walking Horses detest the practices she describes as much as she. She would have found that the industry is well regulated and each horse presented for show or sale purposes is inspected for any evidence of abuse. The winner of each class is inspected again. She would have additionally found that the person charged in this case has been banned from showing horses.

To make such a generality is akin to saying that because one student cheats all students are cheaters and should be held in disrespect.

I have pride in the Tennessee Walking Horse. My pride is based on the beauty, versatility, demeanor, smoothness of gait, and gentleness of this wonderful animal.

Mike Nunley
Shagbark Farm
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Thought For The Day

"Free speech is expensive. It costs lives to win. Child, lover, home have all been sacrificed to its winning."

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

Canada taxpayers to pay \$3 million for new windows

OTTAWA (AP) — Top officials at the Canadian Foreign Affairs Department are each getting a new window on the world. Trouble is, the gold-tinted view will cost taxpayers \$2.5 million.

A few foggy windows were obscuring a panoramic view of the Ottawa River for a handful of senior bureaucrats at the department. They could have been replaced for about \$30,000, the Ottawa Citizen newspaper said.

Instead, the department decided to spend 100 times that amount because matching glass was not available for the 20-year-old windows, says a document obtained by the newspaper.

Slapdash replacement would have caused "a visual

checkerboard of the building's exterior," the internal government memo said. It said such an approach "will not be acceptable."

But Bob Peck, a spokesman for Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet, called the project appropriate. The new windows will be energy-efficient and will save taxpayers money over time, he said.

He would not discuss the issue further because he said he doesn't do windows — that's the domain of Public Works.

Public Works Minister David Dingwall said the plan "looks pretty dumb" and could be canceled if it can't be justified. ■

No free beer for cops

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — No free lunch includes beer.

Mayor Victor Ashe made that message clear after learning an off-duty police officer solicited free beer from a Budweiser distributor for a police department management retreat last month in Pigeon Forge.

"That is wrong," Ashe said in a memorandum Tuesday. "Since the city regulates beer sales, it cannot be accepted."

Late last year, the City Council Beer Board for the

first time in a dozen years revoked the beer licenses of two downtown bars.

"I am going to take responsibility for that," Police Chief Phil Keith said of the free beer fiasco. He said the four cases were paid for Tuesday by the personnel involved — not taxpayers.

A check along with an apology was sent to the distributor, who apparently offered to donate the beer when the officer asked about buying it wholesale, Keith said. ■

Scientists alter potato gene to stop natural discoloring

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — It'll make your whites even whiter by getting rid of all the ugly brown discoloration. But we're not talking laundry here. We're talking taters.

Using a little genetic engineering, Australian scientists say they've found a way to stop potatoes from discoloring when bruised or exposed to air.

The scientists said Wednesday they successfully isolated the gene that causes fruit and vegetable discoloration and created a substitute gene to counteract the effect.

Simon Robinson of the

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization said an experimental batch of genetically altered potatoes had been planted and would be harvested in April.

"When you cut them open, they don't go brown," he said.

Robinson said the development would save a fortune for the food industry, which now rejects huge amounts of discolored produce.

Scientists plan next to examine how to keep the color in grapes, lettuce, pineapples and apples. ■

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